

July/August 2018



Dear Region 4!

What an exciting 64th Annual Education Conference in Edmonton, Canada! The IRWA's yearly event drew participants and attendees from around the world. This fact truly makes our organization the global leader of Infrastructure Real Estate. If you have never been to an Annual Education Conference, consider attending next year's Conference! The 65th Annual Education Conference will take place in Portland, OR (June 9-12, 2018).

In Edmonton, Region 4 was well represented in many ways. Chapter 52's David Arnold, J.D., SR/WA and Ross Greene, J.D., SR/WA lead an eye opening and energetic session entitled, Emerging Landowner Tactics to Maximize Just Compensation. Also, Chapter 16's Derrick Roma, PMP, SR/WA co-presented a session on Project Management Basics for the Young Professional.

At the SR/WA Recognition & Awards Luncheon, we experienced Chapter 52's Lore DeAstra and Mary Lou Gayle, MPA along with Chapter 14's Debbie Carter, R/W-RAC become SR/WA's! We applauded Chapter 14's Vanessa Ringgold, SR/WA, R/W-RAC as being recognized as "Region 4's Professional of the Year." Region 4's Potomac Chapter 14 was one of the two finalist for the "Chapter of the Year" award. (We applaud Chapter 14 as one of the top 2 Chapter's in the IRWA). The Gene L. Land Award for "Highest Percentage Gain in Membership Growth" went to Delaware Chapter 56 And, one of the IRWA's most prestigious award's, the "Young Professional of the Year" award went to Chapter 16's Derrick Roma, PMP, SR/WA. Congratulations to all our Region 4 finalists and award winners!

And it doesn't stop there!

It was also announced at the Education Conference, the RWEIF has appointed Gina Anthony, SR/WA (Chapter 14) and Lara Bailey SR/WA, R/W-NAC (Chapter 16) to the RWEIF Board of Directors. In addition, Ch. 52's Dave Arnold, J.D., SR/WA has been appointed to the International Ethics Committee. What an honor it is to have these three outstanding Region 4 Members appointed to their respective positions!

On the last day of the conference, we celebrated out-going IEC President Jerry Colburn, SR/WA and his tenure on the IEC. As we are all volunteers, we understand the dedication and passion it takes to give up our time and energy for the greater good of others. In addition to this celebration, the yearly election

of the International Executive Committee (IEC) took place. The 2018-2019 IEC representatives are:

1. Jeff Jones, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC, International President
2. Aimee Mims, SR/WA, R/W-AMC, R/W-NAC, International President Elect
3. Sharon Slauenwhite, SR/WA, International Vice President
4. Jacob Farrell, SR/WA, International Treasurer
5. James Olschewski, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, International Secretary

In closing, I want to personally thank all of the out-going Chapter Leaders. Again, as a volunteer, your efforts are so truly appreciated. Without your commitment, your Chapter and our Region would not be a success!

I also want to personally acknowledge and thank outgoing Region 4 Secretary/Treasurer Joe Bottino, SR/WA. Joe's many years of service and commitment to our Region is remarkable. Joe's passion for his Chapter and our Region is priceless. We applaud you Joe! Another thank you for service goes out to former Region 4 Chair Rick Pino, R/W-AC, MAI. Rick has been a tireless volunteer to his Chapter, our Region, the IRWA and the RWEIF. Rick, we applaud you service too!

Looking forward, I want to welcome all of our new Chapter President's! Your 2018-2019 Region 4 Leadership is eager to work with you and your Chapter members to continue to strengthen your Chapter, our Region and the IRWA. Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

-Region 4 Fall Forum 2018 Ch. 16 In Burlington, VT.
Save the Date: 10.17-20.2018

*Go to www.nechapter16.com to register and more info!

-Region 4 Spring Forum 2019 hosted by Ch. 15 (Dates: TBD).

-65th Annual Education Conference, Portland, OR (6.9-12.2018).

Sincerely,

Craig J. Curtis, SR/WA
IRWA Region 4 Chair

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Hello Region 4!



I have to second what Craig said about this being an exciting 64th Annual Education Conference in Edmonton, Canada! As always, we were able to meet, get to know, reacquaint, laugh, learn, and enjoy participants from all over the world. Truly brings home how global our organization has become in the last 10+ years.

While it is always fun to attend the Conference, seeing all the accomplishments, acknowledgements, and recognition that Region 4 received seemed to make it all shine a little brighter. Region 4 definitely seemed to be in the spotlight due to several stellar members that we are lucky to call our own. I would like to congratulate each and every member that received a nomination, recognition, designation, appointment, or took their time to present. As a Region leader, it makes me very proud of what our Region is able to do when we have dedicated individuals who are passionate about their career.

The years always seem to fly by, and it is bittersweet to say goodbye to our IEC leadership at the Conference. While I had the pleasure to speak with out-going IEC President Jerry Colburn on several occasions, I did not get to know and interact with him the way Craig did as Region 4 Chair. The times that I did get to speak with him, I was always impressed with his willingness to listen and spend the time needed to learn what was happening so he could offer the best possible advice and direction. I am looking forward to, hopefully, getting to know him better in the coming years.

At the Board of Directors Meeting this year we were all kept on our toes. I found it invigorating to see the passion that other members have for our organization and I hope that others are inspired to step up and run of different offices, whether it be at a Chapter, Region, or International level. Without volunteers our organization would cease to be the global leader of Infrastructure Real Estate. I wish our incoming IEC representatives the best of luck in the coming year and I cannot wait to see what it brings!

This also heralds a changing of the guard at the Chapter level. As Past Presidents are graciously turning over the reins to incoming Presidents, and other Chapter leaders move up in ranks, or assume new positions, it is imperative that open lines of communication remain intact. As Region Vice-Chair, and as someone that has been through the ranks at the Chapter level several times, I am always available to offer a listening ear, advice, or opinion.

For those in Leadership positions that have served in the past, I applaud you for dedication, time, and attention to your Chapter, and our Region. You have set the bar high for those that follow in your footsteps and I know that we are up for the challenge in filling them.

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Furthermore, start making our plans to attend the 65th Annual Education Conference in Portland Oregon. If you have never attended an Annual Conference, I would highly recommend attending. Between the education sessions, the Board of Directors Meeting, the Region Caucus, the networking functions, and all that Portland has to offer, it should be a conference to remember!

Sincerely.



Ida J. Parrett, SR/WA

IRWA Region 4 Vice-Chair